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SUBJ: BNDD CASE XG 72 0001

1. YUGOSLAV ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE ILUSTROVANA POLITIKA MAY 8, 1973, CARRIED FOLLOWING DETAILS ON SEIZURE OF CONTRABAND ARMS FROM TURKISH FISHING BOAT SECI:

2. SECI COMMANDED BY DURSUN AKBASHI (BORN 1927) AND MANNED BY SEJPETIN GUVEN, KESKIN MUSTAFA, HASAN BULUT, OZUR HAMDI, AND MUSTAFA SHEBASH (A MINOR) WAS SEIZED NEAR CAPE PLATAMON BETWEEN HERCEG- NOVI AND BUDVA BY A YUGOSLAV PATROL BOAT DURING NIGHT OF JANUARY 4. TOTAL OF 1,243 BROWING 9 MM AND MAUSER 7.65 MM PISTOLS WITH 661,800 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION WAS FOUND BENEATH FALSE DECK MADE OF CONCRETE SLABS.

3. DETAILS REVEALED BY ARTICLE NOW BECOME A BIT ERIC AMBLERISH.
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PERHAPS THEY WILL MAKE SENSE TO BONN: ON AUGUST 29, ONE DENIS LUIS, A BELGIAN CITIZEN, BORN IN ROTTERDAM IN 1918 AND RESIDENT IN SOFIA AND MODLING (VIENNA), ARRANGED RECRATING OF A SHIPMENT OF PISTOLS INTO JOHNNY WALKER SCOTCH BOXES AT THE ADRIATIC COAST PORT OF PLOCE. THIS WAS DONE THROUGH CONTACTS OF LUIS' FIRM, SOBALI HANDELSGESCHAEFT OF VIENNA, AN AFFILIATE OF THE SABA LI VADUZ FIRM OF LICHTENSTEIN. THE PISTOLS WERE RELOADED ON LA PERLA, THE SAME BOAT WHICH HAD BROUGHT THEM TO PLOCE. ON SEPTEMBER 8. LA PERLA, WITH THE WEAPONS ON BOARD, WAS SEIZED BY GREEK AUTHORITIES.

4. ON NOVEMBER 15, SIX CARTONS OF PISTOLS FROM TRIESTE WERE UNLOADED AT PLOCE FOR THE INTEREVROPA COMPANY OF SARAJEVO. INTER- EVROPA IS AN AFFILIATE OF SOBALI HANDELSGESCHAEFT. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR THE PISTOLS WAS NOT OBTAINED UNTIL DECEMBER 4 CONTRARY TO YUGOSLAV LAW.

5. ON DECEMBER 30, INVTEREVROPA DELIVERED 20 CARTONS OF 1000 PISTOLS TO PLOCE. ANOTHER FIVE CARTONS OF 300 PISTOLS WAS BROUGHT TO THE DOCKS FROM WAREHOUSE B AT PLOCE AND THESE WEAPONS WERE LOADED ON THE SECI. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MISSING 57 PISTOLS, BUT ONLY 1243 WERE SEIZED ON JANUARY 4.

6. ON JANUARY 23 ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF 20 CARTONS OF 1000 PISTOLS ARRIVED IN SPLIT BY RAIL ADDRESSED TO DENIS LUIS OF THE SABA LI VADUZ COMPANY. THESE WEAPONS WERE SHIPPED FROM BUDAPEST BY THE FERUNION COMPANY. THEY WERE CONFISCATED BY YUGOSLAV POLICE.

7. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF BONN' S EXPRESSION OF SENSITIVE NATURE THEIR INVESTIGATION IN GERMANY, EMBASSY HAS NOT APPROACHED YUGOSLAV POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS BUT THIS WOULD BE NO PROBLEM SHOULD BONN DESIRE. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, EMBASSY OFFICER HAD ASKED YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS COUNSELOR (SMUGGLING) POPADIC ABOUT STATUS OF CASE AGAINST SEVERAL YUGOSLAWS WHO WERE ARRESTED FOLLOWING SECI SEIZURE. POPADIC SIMPLY SAID CASE WAS COMPLICATED AND WAS PROCEEDING.

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